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# THE FLAT HAT

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## DETECTIVE UNEARTHS A DEEP AND MOST HEINOUS CONSPIRACY

Billups, In' League With Person, Trifles With Students' Timepieces

The quiet little community was abruptly awakened from its habitual sleep by the unearthing of an atrocious, heinous, streptococcus, carinomatous conspiracy yesterday at 15 minutes 5 seconds past 12 o'clock (standard time.) This iniquitous plotting of a one Henry Billups against the welfare of the chronometers of the students is appalling. To arms! citizens of Williamsburg and stewed "studes" of the College. Pause! consider your loss! Do you know that two hundred Ingersoll watches have been rendered unserviceable and that the automobile plutocratic jeweler has been stricken with angina pectoris at the exposure of the conspiracy?

Criminal proceeding must start at once. Shake off your lotus slumber, thou time-honored court of William and Mary! Drag Henry Billups before the bar of justice. Do you not see the scorn on the face of the students as they gaze upon his countenance beset with that treasonable smile? His coffers are running over with pennies—hideous remuneration for his services against your watches. Where was Father Chromos when this trifling perfider was tampering with the clock, making the days shorter or longer to suit his august taste?

Leave off your wine-bibbing and tangoing and keep your eye on the clock that ticks off the minutes of your time at William and Mary. Do not be so lax as to let Henry turn the hands back or forward while you are content to change your Ingersoll accordingly. Consider the delicacy of the mechanism of your chronometer and how you are wearing out its machinery by making it accord with Billups' time.

Verily your laxity is appalling.  
SKIP.

The athletic director of one of our rival institutions is quoted as saying that William and Mary's athletics would meet with greater success were it not for the fact that "that man Draper is too damned honest." This "damned honesty" is only one of the things that sets William and Mary apart from some other institutions within our ken.

## DATE OF SOCIETY DEBATING CONTESTS SET FOR APRIL 14

Change Made to Hasten Preparations for the Contest With V. P. I.

At the suggestion of the Debating Council the two literary societies of the College have decided to hold their contests for excellency in debate on the night of April 4th. Two excellency medals are to be awarded, one to the best debater in the Phoenix Society, the other to the best in the Philomathean. The winners in this debate will not only take part in the inter-society contest at finals for the cup, but will be eligible to the debating team which opposes V. P. I. this spring.

As to the preliminary in oratory and declamation, the Philomatheans have set the date of their contest for April 24. The corresponding contest in the Phoenix Society is to be announced later. Excellency medals are also given in these departments, the winners being chosen to compete in the inter-society contest at finals.

All literary society members in good standing are eligible to take part in these preliminaries of April 4 and 24 respectively.

### JOHN MARSHALL CHAMPIONS

The local basketball court was the scene Saturday of the championship basketball game between John Marshall and the Newport News High School. Each team claimed the title, having beaten all other contenders for the all-prepschool championship, and having respectively lost and won from one another. To decide the title a neutral floor was sought and the College gymnasium was chosen as the logical scene of battle. John Marshall proved its superiority to all the spectators, winning by a score of 42-28, and surpassing its rivals in shooting, passing and teamwork. The game was hard fought throughout and was marked especially by the clever work of Hatcher, the captain of the Richmond aggregation.

### NOTICE

The Philomathean Literary Society will hereafter hold meetings on FRIDAYS at 7 P. M. Please note the change.

Thanks, Col. Bridges, for the mail box. "Ask and it shall be given."

## VARSITY DROPS FINAL GAME TO RICHMOND SPIDERS

Basketball Cup Won By Richmond College. Jones Out of Game

For the second time this year the responsibility of keeping a championship cup from decorating the halls of Richmond College has been the task of William and Mary. In both cases, the Spiders have received the coveted prize, one in football, the other in basketball. The local quint sealed the fate of the championship race last Wednesday when they dropped the last game of the series to Richmond College by a score of 31-15.

The contest was marked with that fight-to-the-finish spirit from beginning to end. In the first half the locals and the spiders seasawed for first period honors, the half ending 13-10 in Richmond's favor. In the last period the Spiders took a brace and scored seventeen points while the locals were negotiating five. Gayle, the elongated center, and Bertschey, the miniature forward, put up a snappy game for William and Mary, while for Richmond the entire team distinguished themselves.

### Line-up and summary:

Spiders.	Position.	W. & M.
Luebbert.....	L F.....	Bertschey
Brock.....	R F.....	Zehmer
Heubi.....	C.....	Gayle
Mitchell.....	L G.....	Zion
Satterfield.....	R G.....	Wright

Score: Richmond College, 31; W. & M., 15. Substitutions—Cosby for Satterfield; Robins for Mitchell; Newton for Heubi; Rockwell for Zion. Field goals—Luebbert 8, Brock 1, Mitchell 3, Satterfield 2, Bertschey 1, Zehmer 1, Gayle 2, Zion 2. Foul goals—Luebbert 3, Bertschey 3. Referee, Hughes, Union Theological Seminary. Timekeepers, Mercer, Richmond College, and Joyce, Howitzers.

Watch for the Yellow Edition of the Hat. More later.

Paul Deering visited his parents in Norfolk from Friday till Sunday.

Professor Koontz was in Norfolk Saturday. He carried the plans of Ex-president Tyler's monument to the U. S. architect's office in that city.

S. Wilmont Cox, who was a student at William and Mary a few years ago, writes that he has an excellent position with the L. N. railroad at Ben Hur, Va. While in College Mr. Cox played on the eleven.

## BASEBALL CANDIDATES OUT FOR PRACTICE. PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Forty Hopefuls Report On Cary Field. Eight Pitchers, Six Monogram Men for Nucleus

Dopesters, attention! The baseball squad is out. Saturday forty candidates reported to Capt. Peachy on Cary Field and were put through light batting practice. Six monogram men, most of last year's fast scrub aggregation, and some promising new material give Coach Draper the substance from which a winning team may be evolved.

Dr. Draper has been out of town and the Flat Hat representative was unable to obtain an interview with him before going to press.

### CAPT. PEACHY'S STATEMENT

Capt. Peachy, when interviewed, made the following statement:

"The material looks promising. Barring accidents the team should show a winner. Never during my connection with baseball at the College were the prospects for a winning team brighter. There is a wealth of pitching hopefuls, both veterans and youngsters. The infield should be the fastest seen here in many years. Above all, the 1914 team will be a bunch of sluggers."

### DEATH OF MISS LUCY STUBBS

Lucy Taliaferro Conway Stubbs, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Stubbs, Sr., died at the home of her parents here last Friday morning, after an illness of several years.

The funeral took place from Bruton church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Music was rendered by the quartet of the College and by the choir of the church.

Miss Stubbs had long been an invalid and her patience and courage under suffering will remain always as an inspiration to those who were privileged to know her. The Flat Hat takes this occasion to extend to the bereaved family the sincerest sympathy of the student body of the College.

Watch for the Yellow Edition of the Hat. More later.

R. H. Gurley and H. L. Womack accompanied J. F. Barnes to his home at Ameli Court House recently.

Kenneth Agee was in the city Saturday and Sunday. He has recovered from a severe attack of smallpox.



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### PIGS IS PIGS

The hog is one of the few animals that litters its abode with filth and delights to dwell therein. Man is another. The men who persit in expectorating upon the concrete walks of our campus, on the steps in front of our buildings, etc., are like unto the hog, with this difference: the Lord made the hog, but your individual of the spittle has only himself to blame.

This practice is unsanitary, filthy, disgusting and otherwise undesirable, to say nothing of the almost sacrilegious desecration involved in disfiguring our loved campus. Nor do cigarette stumps, tobacco tins, peanut hulls or scrap papers add perceptibly to the beauty and dignity of the College grounds.

### HOT (?) WATER BATHS

The water provided in the gymnasium and dormitory buildings for ablutionary purposes is unpleasantly deficient in calories, British thermal units, molecular activity and other awesome scientific considerations reputed to be conducive to high temperatures. Or, speaking in the American tongue, it is COLD.

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ing the water in all three tanks hot ALL DAY LONG, holidays included? "Dirt and evil take no holidays." During the recent cold spell it was almost impossible to find sufficient hot water in the gymnasium for one bath. Our athletes are daily being treated to cold baths after hard practice, a most disagreeable and injurious procedure. With the water heated all day long this would in a measure be remedied. It is high time the College authorities provide hot water in sufficient quantities or else purge their catalog of an egregious lie.

### NOTE

After much persuasion we have induced the editor of the "Mag's" Infamous Almanac to turn his versatile pen to the Hat's columns. The result is the "Infamous Weekly," which will hereafter take its place as a regularly established department. Page four will henceforth contain a column of the Almanack's best efforts in prose and verse. The Hat's subscribers are to be congratulated.

### COMMUNICATION

The editor is in receipt of an interesting and amusing communication signed "Billy Hipkins." It is of such length, however, as to make it impossible to print in our already crowded columns.

### HERE'S A POME I WROTE

Tom Trimm  
Went to the Gym  
And thought to take a bath  
But lo and behold,  
The water was cold,  
And Tommy went home in wrath.

Editor The Flat Hat:

Dear Sir—Being a close observer of events and happenings around the campus of William and Mary, I write to inform you and the readers of your paper that the gentleman who, in last week's issue of the Flat Hat, so carefully enumerated the deplorable conditions and evils existing on our campus; religious, literary, social, political, etc., etc., has omitted one important evil. This is an not an exaggerated evil, but a plain fact and should be remedied at once, namely: the habit of disregarding the library rules. Be it known to you, O! ye lawbreakers, that there are certain shelves in the library entirely devoted to parallel books. These books are constantly disappearing. Who is to blame? It is impossible for the librarian to keep in mind all of the parallel books. The guilty ones are those selfish students who take these books out of the library for their own convenience, ignoring entirely, the "other fellow" who suffers for his thoughtlessness. This practice has become a nuisance and should be stopped immediately. The Honor System is applicable in this case. Enough said. Very truly,

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## LETTER

Professor Bennett is in receipt of the following communication:

Des Moines, Iowa, March 5, 1914  
Dr. H. E. Bennett,

Williamsburg, Va.:

My Dear Professor Bennett—Superintendent Thornburg and I went to Old Jamestown last Saturday morning. Since for many years I had hoped to have the privilege of visiting the spot made famous by John Smith, Pocahontas, and the English pioneers, it is needless to state that the trip was one never to be forgotten.

Mr. Thornburg and I will always remember with much pleasure our visit at Williamsburg. Of all the places we went our stop with you was the most enjoyable. We are in love with William and Mary College and the little city. We regret that our time was so limited. I want to thank you for the many courtesies that you extended to us.

With sincere regards, I am

Very truly yours,

W. H. GEMMILL,  
Secretary.

I. P. Kane, of the William and Mary Board of Visitors, was a heavy loser in a severe fire that burned out two blocks of Gate City, his home town, last week.

W. M. Grimsley has been elected Alumni editor of the Literary Magazine to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. F. Barnes.

"Dick" Ham is now a full fledged Phoenician and is going to compete for a place on the Inter-Collegiate debate with V. P. I.

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J. N. Webb was in Norfolk Saturday on business.

Professor Redfield, of Newport News High School, was a visitor at the Sigma Phi House Saturday.

Clarence ennings visited friends in Norfolk Saturday and Sunday.

Brent Wells was in Richmond Saturday and Sunday on a mingled trip of business and pleasure.

Charles Taylor, Superintendent of Play Grounds of Richmond, was a visitor at the Theta Delta Ki House Sunday.

Harry Phillips, formerly of Williamsburg, but now of Richmond, was down with the John Marshall High School to see the championship game of basketball between John Marshall and Newport News High.

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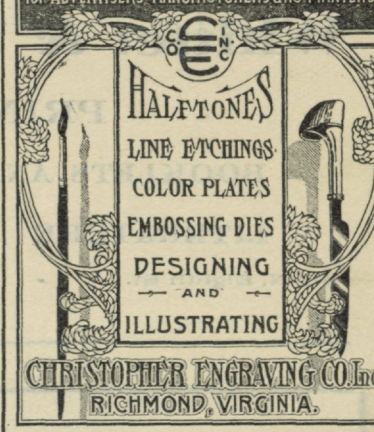
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Stranger, pause and drop a tear Over this sad and lamentable bier," "Thomas Rot," said Sweeney, O'Neil fashion. "Why do you say Thomas Rot? Is is not a cause for tears to be dead?" "Yes, 'tis sad to be dead," said my noble Sweeney, "but we will not let you die; curfew shall not by Henry Billups be rung to-night. Infamy must not perish. What with the women, preachers and legislators, noble Infamy will die and everybody will become as sad as Grimsley and Prof. Clark. Dear Infamous Almanack thou shalt not die." Listen, most worthy fol-

lower of Mephistophiles, you shall live again in the Flat Hat and be called the Infamous Weekly." And saying this he tangoed away. So here am I, gentle reader, and as the weeks go on I shall try to tell you of the Infamy that goes on among us. The Infamous doings of one Amos, the afflictions of O'Neil, the financial operations of Jack Wright, the bi-annual baths of Walter Nourse, the vagaries of one Witchley, the wisdom of G. O. F., the chirping of the other wicked, the songs of the unpoetic and lots of other things too numerous to mention. Quick, Reader, hide that infamy, or the Infamous Weekly will get you if you don't watch out.

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